

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### MINUTES

The City of Jesup Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber. Mayor Shaw called the meeting to order. Roll call was as follows:

Mayor, Herb Shaw	Present
Commissioner, Lauren Drury Amis	Absent
Commissioner, Don A. Darden, Sr.	Present
Commissioner, Gerald DeWitt	Absent
Commissioner, Geneva Nichols	Present
Commissioner, Ricky Reddish, Sr.	Present
Commissioner, Bobby Townsend	Present
City Attorney, Alvin Leaphart	Present
City Manager, Onda Woodard	Present
Acting Police Chief, Glenn Takaki	Present

The Lord's Prayer was led by City Attorney Leaphart.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Acting Police Chief Takaki.

Commissioner Townsend made motion seconded by Commissioner Reddish to approve the minutes of the regular meeting dated August 18, 2009.

All Council present voted yes.

Mrs. Harriett Clary, Arch Fest Beauty Pageant Director, and Mayor Shaw presented Certificates of Appreciation to the 2008 Arch Fest Beauty Pageant winners.

2008 Arch Fest Beauty Pageant winners were as follows:

Little Mister Daelen Deloach	Little Miss Mattie White
Baby Miss Gretta Sinclair Doore	Pre-Teen Miss Deanna Hunter Flowers
Tiny Miss Brayden Ann Moseley	Teen Miss Cara Laine Sims
Wee Miss Kaydin Alan Brown	Miss Amber Beard

Young Miss Arch Fest Kaley Knight was not present.

Mayor Shaw commended Mrs. Clary on the wonderful job she has done with the pageant for the past 6 years.

Commissioner Townsend made motion seconded by Commissioner Nichols to approve a 2009 Alcoholic Beverage License for Pizza Hut, Inc. located at 323 Highway 301 South.

All Council present voted yes.

Mrs. Monica O'Quinn, with the Tourism Board, recommended Council approve a resolution to increase the Hotel/Motel Tax from 5% to 8% effective July 1, 2010, allocating 6% to the Wayne County Board of Tourism and 2% to City of Jesup Downtown Development Authority.

Commissioner Townsend made motion seconded by Commissioner Darden to approve a Resolution to increase the Hotel/Motel Tax from 5% to 8% effective July 1, 2010.

All Council present voted yes.

City Manager Woodard reminded Council if they want the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission to assist in preparing the required Wayne County Joint Comprehensive Plan, Solid Waste Plan, and Service Delivery Strategy, they must respond to the Regional Commission letter by September 11, 2009. The fee would be \$53,500.00 (\$39,500.00 for the Comprehensive Plan, \$10,000.00 for the Solid Waste Management Plan, and \$4,000.00 for the Service Delivery Strategy).

Commissioner Townsend made motion seconded by Commissioner Nichols to approve the agreement for Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission to provide technical assistance for the Wayne County Joint Comprehensive Plan.

All Council present voted yes.

Mayor Shaw read the following statement submitted by Commissioner Amis:

Mrs. Woodard:

While I had hoped to be present at the council meeting tonight to read the following statement at a public meeting, our daughter's admittance to the hospital for testing requires my presence here. If you will, please make sure this is announced or read at the meeting tonight.

When I decided to run for city council, I wanted to give back to the community that has given so much to me over the years. With the recent birth and illness of our daughter, Riley, I am reminded of why I came back to Jesup after college. The hospital staff, medical staff, religious community, family, and friends have all shown an outpouring of love and support for us. Thank you for helping us make it through this trying time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of District 5 for having faith in electing me to represent and serve you as District 5 city commissioner. However, continuing to serve beyond this date would go against the oath I took two years ago. My family and I no longer reside in district 5, and as such, I must resign from my seat on council.

I would like to thank the current council for your assistance over the last two years in helping me and educating me so I could better serve my district and the City of Jesup. During the campaign, I vowed to serve honestly and justly. In leaving my seat, I hope the next representative will do the same.

Again, thank you for this opportunity, and I encourage others to get involved and help make Jesup and Wayne County a better place to live. Remember, there truly is no place like home.

Respectfully,

Lauren Drury Amis

City of Jesup - District 5 City Commissioner

Commissioner Darden made motion seconded by Commissioner Reddish to call a Special Election in District 5, to replace Commissioner Amis, for November 3, 2009, and execute all documents required.

All Council present voted yes.

Meeting Adjourned,

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Rose Marcus-Jackson  
City Clerk/Treasurer

